Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was it not incumbent on the part of the Government when a non-official memb puts a question of this magnitude to make at least an attempt to collect Statistics at least with regard to Ernakulam ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It was not considered desirable that such statistics should be obtained nor was it considered possible because beggars constitute mostly the floating population.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Without any statistics how can any move be made at all in the matter? (Hear hear).

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The Government agree.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government make another attempt in the matter of the collection of statistics?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the total number of beggars in the State?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—How can we collect the statistics? Will any body ask whether a person is a beggar?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Was not the number given in the Census?

Mr. President.—The member may refer to the Census Report.

Removal of the Night-soil Depot at Kaloor.

100. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) what step if any has been taken in furtherance of the promise made by the Government in the last Budget Session to abate the nuisance caused by the night-soil depot at Kaloor;

(2) had the Ernakulam Municipality approached the Government for provision to purchase paddy field far off from human habitations with a view to locate the night soil depot there; if so, when;

(3) will the Government be pleased to place the correspondence on the table?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(1) The proposal is to try the Indore method of disposing of night soil. This method will be experimented upon by the Public Health Department. The Municipality proposes to try the process provided the experiment proves successful.

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(2) Yes; in 1104.

(3) The file of correspondence on the subject is placed on the Council Table.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Why is it called the Indore Method?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Because it was first tried there.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Merely because it was tried in the Indore State why should it be given the name, Indore Method?

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Has the experiment been tried?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Yes. It is being tried in Trippunittura.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon.—Has the Government called for tenders for the work at Trippunittura?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—We have already called for tenders.

Out-break of Cholera in Mattancheri.

101. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) when they got the information about the out-break of cholera in Mattancheri and its neighbouring places;

(2) what preventive measures were taken in those places; and

(3) when the measures began to be taken?

Mr. P. Y. Subramania Ayyar.—(1) On 2nd October 1935 (16th Kanni 1111.)

(2) (a) Broad-casting of phamphlets to educate the people how to prevent infection and to advise hotel-keepers and food vendors how to protect articles of food.

(b) Systematic cleaning of insanitary compounds and houses, chlorination of wells and tanks, flushing of public drains and culverts by fire engine, vigilent inspection of articles of food and drink for sale.

(c) Isolation and treatment of cholera patients in the Municipal isolation Hospital.

(d) Anti-cholera inoculation on an extensive scale.

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